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REASONS

Humbly Offered for to oblige Robert Peter *to deliver up his Eſtate and Effects for the Uſe of his Creditors, the Crown being firſt ſatisfied.*

I. THAT the ſaid *Robert Peter* having contracted very large Debts upon account of Clothing the Army, ſince which he is fail'd, and an Extent is iſſued out againſt him upon the Queen's Account, for the Money he ſtands indebted to the Crown, as being Receiver-General of the Land-Tax for the County of *Hertford*.

II. THE Law not ſubjecting Perſons that are the Queen's Receivers to the Laws made againſt Bankrupts, by which Means the Creditors of the ſaid *Peter* cannot come at the Knowledge and Poſſeſſion of his Eſtate and Effects, without Application to Parliament, and ſome Relief had thereupon.

III. IT is humbly preſumed by Virtue of the Extent, Her Majeſty will recover the Debt as is due to the Crown from the ſaid *Peter*.

IV. HIS Debts being very large which he oweth to his Creditors (it is to be feared that ſome part of his Eſtate may have been ſunk in giving great Premiums for Money, and other ſiniſter Practices) which, if not remedied, will be of very fatal Conſequence to a great many of them, they being Manufacturers and Trading-Men, and not able to bear ſuch Loſſes.

V. BESIDES the Diſcouragement it puts upon the Manufacturers and Tradeſmen of this Kingdom, when ſuch Perſons undertake Clothing of Regiments, *&c.* that by their Poſt they are exempted from ſuch Laws whereby their Creditors may come at their Eſtates, and they obliged to deliver up the ſame, in order to give ſome Satisfaction for their juſt Debts, and to prevent other Perſons running away with the ſame by unlawful Gain and unwarrantable Practices, which is a very great Hardſhip to the Perſons that are concerned in their Dealing with them.

VI. FOR which Reaſons, it is humbly hoped, that a Bill may paſs to ſubject the ſaid *Robert Peter*, and all his Accomplices (the Crown being firſt ſatisfied) to ſurrender up and deliver all the Eſtate and Effects belonging to the ſaid *Peter*; and that the Perſons concerned with him, that have received extravagant Intereſt, or unwarrantable Sums of Money, may be accountable for the ſame, for the Benefit of his Creditors, in order to prevent the Ruin of ſeveral Manufacturers of the Woolen Goods, and other poor Tradeſmen, which otherwiſe will inevitably fall upon them.